

SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGY SOCIETY



FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SWACKHAMER (SCHWACHHAMMER) WHO IN 1732 SETTLED IN LONG VALLEY, NEW JERSEY AND PHILLIP DUFFORD (DUFORD) WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738.

SUMMER 2015 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

With each distribution of the *Bulletin* some *Bulletins* return because an email address has changed or the Post Office marks the addressee as deceased, unable to deliver, or forwarding time has expired. Many of these members just disappear, never to be found or heard from again. It is sad. It wasn't that way with **Carson Meyer** of Fort Pierce, FL, who wrote a note to me on the back of a donor envelope that said: "Please take me off your mailing list. I'm 81 and will probably not be in NJ again. The people I knew are gone now anyway." I appreciated his note and sent him a letter telling him that his request would be honored. However, if he was just having a bad day, maybe he would reconsider.

In my letter I wrote: Achieving age 81 can be seen as a glass half full or half empty. It is just as easy to see it as half full with time for many interesting stories, activities, new friendships and discoveries. And, even if you never return to NJ, so what? I have never lived in NJ. More than 80 percent of our members do not live in NJ. I was born in Indiana on a farm, but I do not expect to return there again or even to be buried there. I agreed that it is sad to lose friends and family members, but life goes on. We have the ability to adapt. Grandma Moses didn't start painting until age 80. Ben Franklin signed the Constitution at age 81. Ronald Reagan became President at age 70. I suggested that Carson send me a note on his family history. He did.

He said that his traveling days are over. He is in a wheel chair and only goes to local places. He lost a leg in an accident in 1950, but he said it never slowed him down. He still puts his best foot forward! Well, Carson, I like your humor; it's the spark of life. Following college was a career of teaching, marriage and a family of three children, several grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Carson's mother was **Wilma Dufford Meyer**, one of three daughters of **Ed and Tilly (Matilda) Dufford**. Carson had one sister, Marcie, now deceased. Wilma's two sisters were **Frieda Trebilcock** and **Peg (Hatty Neighbor)**, married to **Fred Neighbor** of Long Valley. Frieda had three children—Ruth, Dorothy and Buck, all died of cancer. Peg had two girls—Janet and Carolyn, both also died of cancer. Janet had one child, a daughter, Shelley, married to Tom VanWinkle and living in Oregon.

Carson went on to say that his oldest son served in the Air Force in Korea where he met and married a Korean woman. One of Carson's grandchildren married a Guatemalan and he now has two great granddaughters who are ½ Latino; ¼ Korean and ¼ everything else. Carson concluded by saying the USA is still a great melting pot. It looks like Carson's family is just following the family pattern set by **Jacob Dufford** years ago.

The moral of this dialog is that we all have fascinating stories to tell. Each family is unique and family histories are worth telling and recording. Some of the family stories are classic as we heard at last year's Long Valley reunion. Might this be the year that you bring your family history story to our Long Valley reunion on Saturday, July 25?

Sincerely,

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Throughout the Bulletin, (D) represents a Dufford connection, (S) for Swackhamer, (S&D) both families, and (F) for friend of the Society.

Communication with Members and Friends

Joe Schultz (S) emailed an inquiry regarding his PA Swackhamer ancestors. He is the grandson of **Jesse Eugene Swackhammer** of Bradford County, PA. Joe can be reached at jw.s@icloud.com if you have information about this family or you can mail a note to me (Gene Swackhamer) and I'll forward it to him.

Laurin L. Henry (D) of Charlottesville, VA wrote to **Bill Cramer** expressing his appreciation for the ongoing dialog on the Dufford family name. He further suggested the view that it hardly mattered whether it was France, Switzerland, Britain or wherever since the overwhelming evidence and facts are that everything about the Duffords that is known has strong German association. Laurin suggests that a more fertile area for research might be the association of Jacob Dufford, Sr. with a native American Indian producing offspring that claim this association as their ancestry. A Dufford Family DNA study similar to the Swackhamer Family study with Ancestry.com might provide definitive information.

Donn Dufford of CA has an interesting theory of the origin of the Dufford name based upon research he began while in Europe focused on the use of place and profession to derive early surnames. He feels comfortable with his theory, but said that he want to polish the logic before "going public." He said that researchers often too quickly publish erroneous results that then become fact. In due course he will send his story to the *Bulletin* Editor.

Gail and Tony Keefer (D/S) wrote to say that they enjoy the reunions and hope to drive down from NH to attend this year.

Sharon Beach (F) of FL is the 5th great granddaughter of Valentine Westhoeffler, a survivor of the voyage of the Love and Unity. In addition to ordering a copy of "The Voyage of the Love and Unity," Sharon has communicated in several notes and is trying to assemble additional information about the ill-fated ship and its journey to America. (See separate story in this issue about descendants of "Love and Unity" survivors.)

George Apgar (F) of NJ, most often recognized as "Poor Palatine Patriot George," wants all of the Swackhamer-Dufford descendants to know that they are invited to attend any of the reunions of cousins—Apgar, Haag, Schaefer, Ebber, Pickle, etc. held annually in NJ. He said if we like *Bier* then we should plan to attend a pre-reunion dinner and evening of fun with General Von Steuben of Valley Forge fame at the Clinton House in Clinton, NJ on September 18, 2015. (Phone 732-297-6686 for additional information and reservations.)

Necrology

Greg A. Swackhammer, Assistant Swackhamer Family Historian (Canada), died at age 60 on January 17, 2015, after a seven-month battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his parents, Allan and Joyce Swackhammer. Surviving are sibling Laurie Swackhammer, children Angela Swackhammer (Rich Johnston), Eric Swackhammer and Kodie Swackhammer, and grandchildren Samantha and Jessica Johnston.

Greg was a life-long resident of the Dundas area and for many years a member of U.A. Locals 67 and 527, before unemployment forced a departing to the "North" of Canada in 2009 in search of construction jobs. He had a liking for genealogy and once visited Altusheim, Germany, walking there on foot from neighboring Neulussheim's train station. His advice to the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society prior to the group tours of 2009 and 2010 was invaluable. He and son Kodie attended the annual reunion in 2006. A graveside service was held at Grove cemetery, Dundas, on January 23, 2015.



Richard Michael Swackhamer, 41 (b. 10-12-73), of Cranford, NJ died peacefully on February 12, 2015, surrounded by family members. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church of Cranford with burial at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield, NJ. Richard (Rick) is survived by his parents Richard and Karen Swackhamer of Cranford; brother, Michael J. Swackhamer, sister-in-law Bethany Swackhamer of Wellesley, MA, and his sister, Tracy J. Swackhamer of Cohasset, MA.

Rick enjoyed the outdoors and all sports—golfing, running, houseboat living aboard "Boat Drinks," activities of the Watchung Sail and Power Squadron, and professional sports. His family described him as a partaker of life with an engaging personality, a kind and compassionate person with great courage.



Robert J. Swackhamer's Moment of Fame

A General Electric (GE) business wire of October 25, 2012, carried this story of night baseball.

"The magical experience of baseball played under the lights may have been most aptly described by James T. Golden, Jr., a Cincinnati Enquirer sports writer. He wrote of the first Major League Baseball game played under lights in 1935 ... 'The sphere stood out against the sky like a pearl against dark velvet.' Night baseball is a special experience for fans—it's literally a more electric atmosphere.

Just like a player's trajectory, night baseball started in the minors. **R. J. Swackhammer**, a GE lighting designer, created the lighting layout for the first night Minor League Baseball game in 1930. Leland MacPhall and Powell Crosley, the then-respected general manager and owner of the Cincinnati Reds, were struggling with daytime attendance of 2,000 to 3,000 fans. They noted the positive correlation of minor league attendance to night games and on May 24, 1935 the Reds played their first night game before 20,000 fans. Red Barber, the announcer for the first Major League Baseball night game observed, 'As soon as I saw the lights come on, I knew they were here to stay.' A revolution in baseball history was born."

R. J. Swackhammer apparently worked for GE in Ohio, perhaps in East Cleveland; however, the first night game wasn't in 1930 as noted in the above article. It was on June 24, 1927, at the General Electric Field in Lynn, Massachusetts, where Salem beat Lynn 7-2 before a full house including players from the Boston Red Sox and Washington Americans who had played a day game earlier that day in Boston. **Swackhammer** used five towers supporting 72 flood lamps to light the field. He got the inspiration from a prior project of lighting a rail yard for night work, but it took a while to convince his bosses that it would work for baseball. After the Lynn game he had a green light from GE to go.

Not everyone liked the idea of **Swackhamer** (in this GE Report his name was spelled with one m) tampering with America's pastime. The New York Giant's General Manager said night baseball should not be considered lightly! In 1930 a writer quoted **Swackhamer** as saying, "They wanted to turn me over to the sheriff when I put in the first baseball [minor league] lighting system in Des Moines."

Do you know more of this story or claim R. J. as a relative? Help the Society write the next chapter by sharing your information.

Items are needed for the Winter 2015 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by October 15th. See page 2 for contact info.

German—American Friendship

Sometimes in life there is a perfect moment—a day in spring, an afternoon with friends, a shared experience with a loved one or just an inspired happening. This past Christmas brought forth such a moment in the G. L. Swackhamer household.

Dr. Wolfgang Grams, President of “Routes to the Roots” and an Adjunct Professor of World History at Oldenburg University, came to the United States with his wife Jutta to see their daughter, Elin, in Bethesda, Maryland, working as an Au Pair. Their visit took place December 23-31, 2014. As often is the case when traveling, coordinating visits with friends can be almost impossible, especially with the busy activity of a holiday. So, I suggested to Wolfgang that he invite his friends to our home for a holiday dinner and in one trip they could meet with everyone. It took a while to convince him that I was serious and that Sharon was supportive, but a little anxious to know how many American friends the Grams hoped to visit. It took even longer to convince everyone that American spontaneity was okay.

As the accompanying photo shows, Armin and Marlene Mruck, coordinator of student exchanges for Towson University and Brigitte and Nick Fessenden, Wolfgang’s travel associates from Oldenburg and Columbia, Maryland, along with the Grams and Swackhamers had a delightful evening—a perfect moment.



Swackhamer’s Garage by Shelley Heretyk*

Swackhamer’s Garage (Ford Agency and Garage) was a thriving business in Long Valley for around 60 years. In 1903, the first and only Ford agency in town was founded by William T. Swackhamer. He lived from 1876 to 1934 and left the business to his children Robert (Bob) and Marjorie (Marge).

William T. (Bill) first sold Model T’s and later Model A’s. Folks came from every direction covering a 30-mile radius. Many times a complete stranger would walk into the shop, look at the cars, but have no money. Bill would trust him for the money, fill the car with gas and if necessary give the fellow enough money to get home.

(see photo on pg 5, story continued on pg 8)

*Help with this story was provided by John Hemmings and Harvey Ort, both lifetime residents of Long Valley, and history written by the late Virginia Allen.

Swackhamer’s Garage Features Famous Ford V-8 newspaper clipping is from the “Hackettstown (NJ) Gazette”, c1935.

**Swackhamer’s
Garage Features
Famous Ford V-8**

**Bob Swackhamer, Youngest Authorized Ford Dealer in N. Y.
Sales Division Won June-July Prize**

One of the reasons that the sales and the popularity in this section for the Fords has continued with increased activity lies in the absolutely dependable and complete garage facilities that Swackhamer’s Garage in Long Valley, under the management of “Bob” Swackhamer, renders to the trade.

Service here continues way after the sale is made. And repairs on Fords as well as all other makes of cars and trucks are done by factory-trained mechanics.

Swackhamer’s were the 1935 winners of the June-July Sales Contest, increasing their percentage proportionately higher than any dealer in the N. Y. sales division of the Ford Motor Co. with an average of 259 per cent over April and May of this year. That is why Swackhamer’s received the prize of a free trip to California. Bob Swackhamer incidentally happens to be the youngest Ford dealer in the entire N. Y. Ford sales division.

This business was originally founded in 1903; and since 1913 Swackhamer’s have featured Ford . . . and of course now handle that famous Ford V-8 the recognized national leader in the low price field, which embraces the last word and the best in automotive engineering and body designing and economical operation.

CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT by William Cramer

Hello descendants of Philip Dufford/Tufford. This ongoing project is an attempt to update and inform the descendants of the Dufford/Tufford family tree. In this bulletin we have the article: **"CALLING ALL TUFFORDS"**.

CALLING ALL TUFFORDS

We presently have, and have had in the past, many Tufford/TuFort/Tofort/Thiffort/Tuffer members who are part of the family. We are reaching out to Tuffords everywhere to: 1) update us on your current families and their births, marriages, deaths and interesting histories. 2) update us on your genealogical research regarding your ancestral branches of our family.

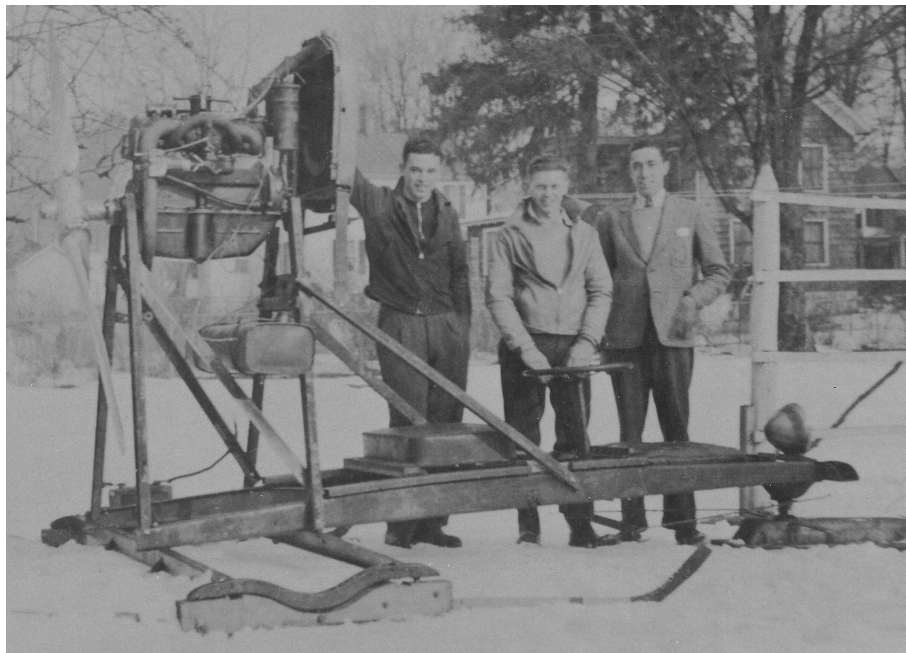
Our Society member, Kathryn Wright, a descendant of the Tuffords of Ontario, Canada, sent us a detailed 2-page summary of the descendants of Elijah O. Tufford, which was published in our Winter 2009 Bulletin. (*see our website to read this*). Mrs. Owen Mardis, descendant of the Tuffords of Newcomerstown, Ohio sent us an update in the Summer 1993 Bulletin (*see our website to read this*). Clair A. Hurlburt, of Wildwood, Florida, in a letter dated Sept. 21, 1988, sent us an update on the line of John Tufford. She also informs us about the sons of Conrad Tufford, from Clinton Twp., NJ, and their enlistments during the War of 1812. She reports in our Summer 1993 Bulletin (*see our website to read this*).

There are/were Tufford descendants in Markham, Ontario; Regina, Saskatchewan; Niagara Peninsula, Ontario; Victoria, British Columbia; Nova Scotia, Alberta and Quebec. There are/were Tufford descendants in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Florida, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, California, New York, Vermont and Delaware.

As Norman E. Tufford from Munster, Indiana, tells us from a July 24, 1984 article, he wrote: "July is the reunion month in the Tufford-Dufford family in North America. On the last Saturday of the month the Duffords and Swackhamers meet together in Long Valley, NJ to renew family connections and to learn more family history than anyone has been able to uncover. This is an interesting reunion. Some years ago this writer [Norman Tufford] and his wife visited Long Valley on the reunion day as we were vacationing in that area. We picked up the necessary picnic apparatus and some food to pass in the local delicatessen and joined in the festivities. We also took a colored photograph of those assembled and all in all had a delightful experience which we have not been able to repeat since then."

Mr. Tufford continues "Another reunion occurs in July (at least for the past few years) when this writer [Norman Tufford] and his wife travel to Niagara Peninsula in Upper Canada to attend the annual seminar that the Shaw Festival Theatre sponsors in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the third week in July. While we are there, some time is spent with relatives and friends west of Niagara-On-The-Lake who are participating in research on the Tufford family in North America. We have just returned from this annual trip and have begun to anticipate next year."

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Courtesy of the Washington Township Historical Society

Swackhamer's Garage

Pictured left to right in the early 1930s are Lou Staiano, Wilbur (Skip) Allen, and Bob Swackhamer with a motorized, air propelled snow sled they built. Close inspection of the photo by Mr. Hemmings and Mr. Ort shows a battery at the bottom left, a gas tank in the middle and a 4-cylinder engine on top. At far left is a propeller. In front of Lou is a seat and a steering wheel is in front of Wilbur. A headlight is in the front. The propeller probably came from an airplane crash that happened in Long Valley. The other parts were from Swackhamer's Garage. Mr. Ort remembers them riding the sled around.

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Note: Wilbur Allen and Virginia Allen were husband and wife.

Calling all Tuffords (continued from page 5)

How interesting, the Canadian Tuffords, themselves, have been meeting, since at least the 1980's, to share information on their family's roots and history and genealogical connectedness. Wouldn't it be great if we were able to tap into the conversations that were had then? Maybe there are presently Tuffords in Canada, whose parents or grandparents were part of that Tufford family history-sharing or still might be part of an ongoing discussion. We would love to know. Could you please share some of the rich information that has been accumulated over the years?

There are many Tuffords around North America who would like to make the connection to their ancestors who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in the 1700's. Many are connected to the original Philip Tofort Sr. who arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on Sept 11, 1738. Even Mr. Norman E. Tufford goes on to tell us that: "There are many Tuffords in Canada but we cannot connect them all together. There seem to be several principle family groups and most of them have come from New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania and were born about 1750 to 1830".

In this issue of the Bulletin, we are "**Calling All Tuffords**", to assist us and other family members in connecting, reconnecting, learning about the history of our great family, and the genealogical ancestral and descendent updates on the various branches of our family. Please pass this article on to all members of your families and, if possible, send me the updates, stories, histories, etc. I can be reached either on our website's Message Board page; or by directly sending to my email address (see page 2).



Donations to the Society

The following donors have made contributions since the annual reunion meeting of July 26, 2014. Every effort is made not to miss anyone, but with donations coming in cash at the annual meeting, by check, from the year-end solicitation envelopes, and from a portion of the purchase price of Nancy Schane's book, *Voyage of the Love and Unity*, and from Gene Swackhamer's book, *The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer*, errors can occur. If we missed recognizing your gift, please forgive us. We truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Almond (NY), for *Bulletin* production in memory of Ruth Almond and to honor Elmer Swackhamer.

Mr. Mike Apgar (DE), for operation of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society.

Ms. Sharon Beach (FL), donation through purchase of *The Voyage of the Love and Unity* book.

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Mr. J. Lawrence and Louise Brasher (AL), Gift for operation of the Society.

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Ms. Dawn Dufford (WA), a gift for operations in memory of Philip A. Dufford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dufford (PA), gift for *Bulletin* production and distribution in memory of Dufford ancestors.

Ms. Sally Glaser Dufford (PA), a donation for operation of the Society.

Mr. Steven Firtko (PA), a donation for support of the Society.

Mr. Edwin (Ted) Jones Glover, Jr. (NJ) in memory of his great grandparents, Edwin and Matilda (Cregar) Dufford and to honor his grandmother, Freida Dufford Trebilcock and her sisters: Wilma Dufford Meyer and Margaret Dufford Neighbor Morgan.

Mr. Laurin L. Henry (VA), a gift in memory of Richard L. Henry.

Ms. Emily Jones (WI), a gift to the Society in memory of Jinny Jones. Emily's G. Grandparents were George Dufford and Hattie Swackhamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Athony (Tony) and Gail Keefer (FL), a donation to the Society for whatever is most needed.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelly (AZ), a donation in memory of and appreciation for ancestors.

Mrs. Joyce MacRae (ONT), a gift in memory of Harold and Mary Swackhamer of Hamilton, Canada.

Ms. Lauree Saums (NJ), a donation for operation of the Society in memory of Jane and John Saums.

Mrs. Nancy E. Schanes (DE), a gift for operations in memory of her immigrant ancestor, Michael Sigmund, a survivor of the voyage of the *Love and Unity*.

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Donations to the Society (continued from page 6)

Ms. Barbara Schinkel (NJ), a donation for *Bulletin* production in memory of Ruth Hartman.
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 Mrs. Sheri Zingmark (SC), a gift for the general operating fund.



Growing List of Descendants from Survivors of the Voyage of the Love and Unity

Among the donors to the Society listed in this issue of the *Bulletin* are several descendants from four known survivors of the ill-fated voyage of the Love and Unity. Foremost is Nancy Schanes, author of the story, and a descendant of Johann Michael Sigmund. Paul S. Smith claims his descendantcy from Jacob Westhofer. Sharon A. Beach is a descendant of Valentine Vesthoffer (Westhoeffer), her 5th great grandfather. Then there all those donors related to survivor Samuel Schwechheimer (Swackhamer). A "Love and Unity Descendant Club" within the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society appears to be emerging!

Are you a descendant of a known survivor of the Love and Unity? We would love to hear from you. If there is sufficient interest we might schedule a special session for this group in conjunction with an annual meeting—perhaps include a discussion of the court cases, new discoveries (if any), reflections on the voyage, etc. Listed below are the surnames of the known survivors as tabulated by Nancy in an appendix to her book.

ANDERRAS (ANDRES) (PAIN, John)	BEHN, Johannes Michael	BOGELS (BOCKLE, BOGER?) John
BRUCH Peter	DEULENIN Anna Maria	DIFFENBACH (DAVENPORK) Jacob
DOINER (DONNER, DANER) Jonas, Juliana	EISINGER Peter	FRINE (FREIN) Katharine
GLASSNER Martin	GISSENIN (GLSSNER?) Peter	GILLINER (KININGER, RENINGER) Christian
GOHR (GEAR) Johannes	HERMAN, Johannes (EVIN(R)IN?, John	JUNGMANN (YOUNGMAN) Johann, father; Johannes, son; Johann Georg, son; and unk. daughter
KUNTZ (COUNS, COMES) Jacob, Jacob, Jr., son	LIEBENSTEIN Johann, Georg	MANNCHER, Johann Jacob (MINICHER), Johan Herb
PRAMTON (BRANDTIN?) Elizabeth	SCHIRCH, K(C)asper (SHORK), Hisber	SCHMUERDO, Michael (SIGMUND), Johann, Michael
SCHMUNELD, Lewis (SIGMUND), Johann, Ludwig	SHIMUNDO, Christiana (SIGMUND), Anna, Catharina	SOUDREIDEN (SANDRITTER), Christiana
SCHWECHHEIMER (SHWICHAMMER, SUCKAMORE), John; George; Magdalena, wife of George; Samuel; Catherine, wife of Samuel and Conrad, son of Samuel		
SOUDREIDEN (SANDRITTER) Christiana	VEIZEN (WEISSIN) Anna Margaret	VOEST (YOST, VOSS) Valantine
WALTRON (WALTHERIN?) Gertrude	WE(I)BER, Mathias	WEBER, Johan Philip
VESTHOFFER (WESTHEBER) Valantine	WISMILLERN, Margaret	

At the time of the voyage of the Love and Unity manifests of passengers was uncommon and ship logs seldom listed individuals preferring an aggregate count of souls. Likewise names of German's were often spelled in documents and court records phonetically in English as heard by the recorder so the same person might have two or three spellings of their name—or there might be a separate person of similar name. This table represents Nancy's best effort to cross reference names to ensure as much accuracy as possible with the records available. The new emigrants didn't appear to worry too much about names. Three samples of Samuel Swackhamer's signature shows that he spelled his name in German, but accepted Swackhamer as the English pronunciation.

Swackhamer's Garage (continued from pages 4 & 5)

The Ford Agency and Garage was located on Fairview Avenue. The Central Railroad of NJ – High Bridge Branch that ran in Long Valley from 1876 to 1976 was essential. Automobiles and parts were delivered from the nearby railroad station. Cars were assembled in the garage. Swackhamer's was in a large wooden building opposite the present firehouse (pictured below) and next to the museum. The foundation still exists. The business was also located in the building across the street (present firehouse pictured below.) The left side was the garage and the other end had a showroom and offices. Dates for these two buildings are not clear as of this writing. In addition more research is needed to determine if William T. Swackhamer owned Swackhamer's Garage pictured on page 9.

Marjorie Swackhamer and Bob Swackhamer ran the business as partners. The newspaper clipping on page 4 tells about Swackhamer's winning a sales contest in 1935. Bob was active in the Long Valley Volunteer Fire Department and in the late 1930s sold them a Ford Fire Truck. At that time, the firehouse was located on East Mill Road by the traffic light (the building is now the Long Valley Garage.) John Hemmings remembers his family buying a car from Swackhamer's and Marge said they could drive to Maine and never shift with automatic transmission. In 1951, John bought a truck from her and in December of 1955 he purchased a 1956 Mercury car. Bob left Long Valley and Marge ran the business until around 1960. About that time Freeman Motors, a gas station in Mendham, was made a Ford Dealer. Marge was really upset that Ford appointed gas stations for dealers.

Marjorie Swackhamer died in 1965. An obituary was printed in the 1965 Winter Issue of the Swackhamer Dufford Bulletin and is reprinted below.

Miss Marjorie L. Swackhamer of Schooleys Mountain Road, Long Valley, N.J. died suddenly of heart trouble on August 3, 1965. She was 56.

Born in Long Valley on April 19, 1909, Miss Swackhamer spent all her life in that community. She was the daughter of the late William T. and Wilhelmina Holthusen Swackhamer (1880 – 1916), descending from the pioneer settlers of Washington Township. Graduated from Hackettstown High School in 1927 and Douglass College, New Brunswick (NJ) in 1931, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the Long Valley Historical Society, the College Women's Club of Chester and the New Jersey Association of Public School Business Officials.

At the time of her death, Marjorie was secretary of the Township Board of Education, a position she held since August 1, 1961. For many years she operated the Ford Agency and Garage which had been established by her father. She also was engaged in the insurance business.

Marjorie attended the Swackhamer-Dufford reunion on July 24th and cheerfully greeted members of her family. She was a past treasurer of the Association

Her only survivor is a brother, Robert L. Swackhamer of Laconia, New Hampshire.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Charles L. Ziegler. Burial was in the Naughtright Cemetery.



The building pictured above was formerly the Ford Agency and Garage. It is now the Long Valley Fire Company. The photo was taken from the front porch of the Washington Township Historical Society Museum, 6 Fairview Avenue.

The photograph on page 9 taken during World War 1 shows Swackhamer's Garage. Soldiers and townspeople are gathered at the intersection of Mill and Schooleys Mountain Roads in what was then German Valley. The Swackhamer's Garage building in the photo is now "Cottage Treasures." The building adjacent in the foreground was taken down and the stone arch bridge is around the corner. The German Valley Hotel, now a restaurant, was across the street. Hotel Sheds was for horses and carriages and is no longer there. Between Swackhamer's Garage and the Shed was a Barber Shop. On July 2, 1918 German Valley was renamed Long Valley.

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion

Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853

Saturday, July 25, 2015, 9am to 3pm

THEME: How can I best record my family history?

Everyone is invited to attend the annual reunion of the S-D Society on Saturday, July 25 in Long Valley. Members of the S-D Society have been gathering in Long Valley for over 60 years to share family information, to assist others with genealogy questions and to learn more about our respective family histories.

The program will begin informally at 9:00 am with visitation, coffee, tea, pastry and fruit juice and introductions. The morning program will have two speakers sharing ideas on how best to record family history. A luncheon of summer salads, sandwiches and desserts will be served by Sharon Swackhamer at noon. Following lunch at 1:00 pm will be a brief business session followed by a "How do I ..." Workshop and tour of the Washington Township Historical Society Museum across the street. Personal auto tour information, maps and guide services will be available for those desiring to see some of the historic Dufford and Swackhamer sites. The meeting will conclude about 3:00 with desserts.

Please use the registration form below and take advantage of the early registration \$5.00 discount. Day of the event registration will be \$30.00 per person with youth under 16 free. If you would like more detailed information on the program, local hotels, inns, restaurants or local sightseeing, email ggswhack@cs.com. If cancellation becomes necessary, please call or email Gene Swackhamer by July 20 at 410-771-4437 or GGSwhack@cs.com for a full refund.

----- --- **Clip and Mail to Gene Swackhamer, 16429 Yeoho Road, Sparks, MD 21152** -----

Number Attending _____ at \$25.00 per adult for total amount of \$ _____ .

Children under 16 attending (free). Number of children: _____.

Voluntary donation to the S-D Genealogy Society \$ _____.

Total amt of enclosed **check payable to Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society** is \$ _____.

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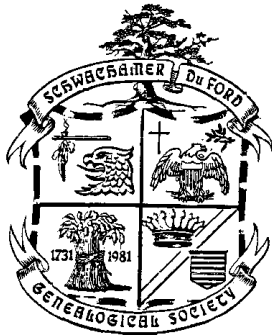
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Courtesy of the Washington Township Historical Society

Mill Street entering Long Valley from the east (Chester), c1920. The text on the sign is "Swackhamers Garage, Not the original, but the latest & up to date, Roy Swackhamer, Prop." Roy Swackhamer lived from 1887 to 1960. In this Bulletin is a story about William T. Swackhamer's garage. They had a friendly rivalry. A sign advertising William's garage said "The original Swackhamer Garage, no blood relation."